

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER
	:	OF FORFEITURE/
- v. -	:	<u>MONEY JUDGMENT</u>
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ROCCO ROMEO,	:	S1 19 Cr. 586 (VB)
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Defendant.	:	
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WHEREAS, on or about July 31, 2020, ROCCO ROMEO (the "Defendant") was charged in a two-count Superseding Information, S1 19 Cr. 586 (VB) (the "Information"), with wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343 and 2 (Count One); and money laundering, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(A)(i), (B)(i) and 2 (Count Two);

WHEREAS, the Information included a forfeiture allegation as to Counts One and Two of the Information;

WHEREAS, on or about July 31, 2020, the Defendant pled guilty to Counts One and Two of the Information, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Counts One and Two of the Information and agreed to forfeit, to the United States, a sum of money equal to \$855,629.76 in United States currency;

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$855,629.76 in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Information that the Defendant personally obtained and property involved in Count Two of the Information; and

WHEREAS, the Defendant admits that, as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Information that the Defendant personally obtained and property involved in Count Two of the Information cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Audrey Strauss, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney, Mathew Andrews of counsel, and the Defendant, and his counsel, Michael Rubas, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offense charged in Counts One and Two of the Information, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$855,629.76 in United States currency (the "Money Judgment"), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Information that the Defendant personally obtained and property involved in Count Two of the Information, shall be entered against the Defendant.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant, ROCCO ROMEO and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. All payments on the outstanding money judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable, in this instance, to the United States Marshals Service, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007 and shall indicate the Defendant's name and case number.

4. The United States Marshals Service is authorized to deposit the payments on the Money Judgment in the Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

5. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

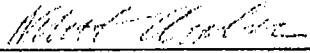
8. The Clerk of the Court shall forward three certified copies of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment to Assistant United States Attorney Alexander J. Wilson, Co-Chief of the Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, United States Attorney's Office, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007.

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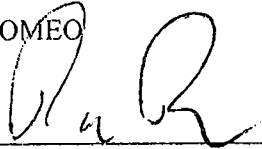
9. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

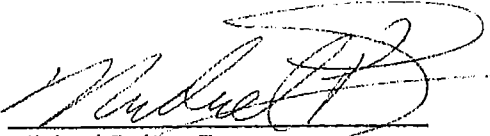
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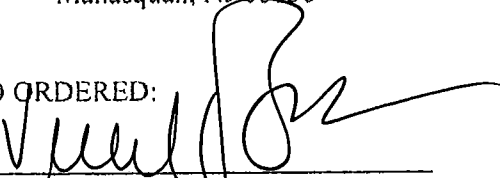
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SO ORDERED:

HONORABLE VINCENT L. BRICCETTI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

2/12/21
DATE